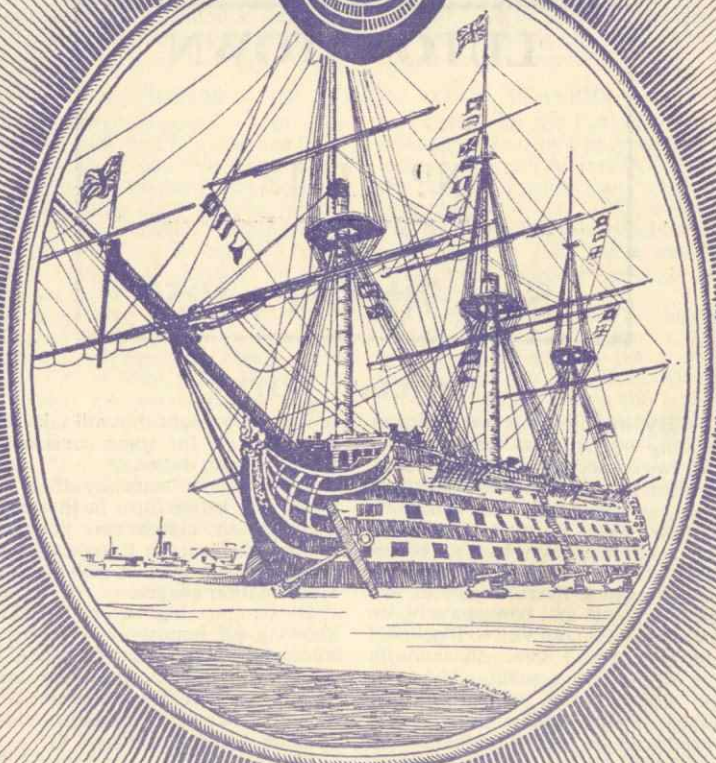


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## LUTON TOWN

Nº 11712

Sat., 7th Dec., 1957

### OFFICIAL NOTES

Last Friday morning we were almost congratulating ourselves on being able to put out for two consecutive League matches, the same team, but unfortunately, this could not happen, as Johnny Gordon had to be sent home on Friday morning with a chill, and once again the team had to be re-organised.

The match against Everton gave us two very welcome points and consequently, we were very hopeful that our visit to Blackpool would have produced some dividends in the shape of one or two points. However, the team was not able to maintain the improvement shown against Everton and against Millwall in the Floodlight Cup Competition. Blackpool held the initiative until the last 20 or 25 minutes, when our team got more together and during that period could, or should have, drawn level or even won the match.

It was not one of our best displays by any means, and Ray Crawford has obviously not yet reached the form he showed in the early matches at the beginning of the

season. No doubt this will take time as he has been off for some considerable time from 1st team duties.

The Reserve team by their increased effort and better form in the second half, managed to snatch two points in their game with Swansea Reserves - two points which has put them in fifth position in the Combination League.

It was pleasing to see Derek Weddle showing an improvement in his display, after several weeks on the injured list with a severe ankle ailment. Our team was: Barnett; McGhee, Rogers; Phillips, Osmond, Carter; Newman, Stenhouse, Weddle, McClellan, Evans, G.

The "A" team were defeated 2-1 in their Hampshire League match against Fareham, whilst the Juniors gained a meritorious victory, 4-2, over Bexleyheath.

It was an enjoyable and interesting weekend at Portsmouth, for our representatives from England, Scotland and Wales, all assembled here on Saturday with a view to meeting each other, to have our policy

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explained to them, and also to enable them to see our Combination, Hampshire League and Junior teams, so they would therefore be able to assess the ability of the players they watch and compare them with those we have at Fratton Park. Several of our old players are helping us and it was very pleasing to see Billy Haines, Ernie Brent, Harold Crawshaw, Fred Forward, Willie

Smith and Ike Clarke, all of whom at sometime or other, played for our Club.

Today we give a hearty welcome to our visitors from Luton.

They are having a satisfactory season and are noted for the quality of their football. As in the past, we are looking forward to having our usual enjoyable and entertaining encounter.

### PEN PICTURES OF LUTON TOWN PLAYERS

R. BAYNHAM (*Goalkeeper*).— In his seventh season with the Club. Secured from Southern League Club, Worcester City. Has represented England on several occasions, including their matches versus Denmark in Copenhagen, Ireland and Spain. Played for the Football League versus the League of Ireland on two occasions and also for the England "B" versus the Yugoslavia "B."

S. DUNNE (*Right-back*).— Born in Limerick, Eire. Came to Luton from Shelbourne F.C. in May, 1950. Has played for his country on several occasions and was recently chosen to captain the Eire team versus Denmark.

L. JONES (*Left-back*).— Welsh born, although he has spent most of his life in Luton. Has been watched by the Welsh F.A. selectors on several occasions and when recognition was expected, he had the misfortune to receive an injury. A classical back who is very cool on the field.

R. MORTON (*Right-half*).— Local born. Has been with the Club since 1946. Played for England "B" versus the Switzerland "B" team, the Football Combination versus the Dutch XI and also for the Football Association versus the Army. Was chosen as reserve for England versus Ireland at Wembley in November, 1955, and recently played for the Football Combination versus the Dutch XI in Amsterdam. A brilliant wing-half who has made several appearances at centre-forward. Was a member of the F.A. party which toured South Africa in the summer of 1953.

S. OWEN (*Centre-half*).— Captain of the side. Previously with Birmingham City.

Has been with the F.A. touring party on three separate trips - to Australia, the West Indies and South Africa. Was a member of the Football League team which played in Copenhagen in May, 1953, and was in the England party in Switzerland for the World Cup games in 1954. Is a qualified F.A. coach and coaches the younger players of the Club.

R. PEARCE (*Left-half*).— Signed from Winsford United in November, 1954. Has proved himself a utility player in both the forward and half-back lines. Occupied the left-half position during the latter part of last season and all this season with a series of brilliant displays. Played for the Football League versus the League of Ireland and also for the Football Association versus the Army in October, 1957.

M. CULLEN (*Outside-right*).— Scottish born. Joined Luton from Souglasdale Juniors in August, 1949. Took the eye of the Scottish selectors and was chosen to play in Scotland "B" team versus England "B" team in March, 1956, and gained his first full cap versus Austria in May, 1956.

J. ADAM (*Outside-right or left*).— Recommended by our North Eastern scout and signed from the Northern club, Spennymoor United in June, 1953. Can get quickly off the mark and is always a potential danger. Has been watched by the Scottish selectors.

G. TURNER (*Inside-right*).— Came to Luton as a wing-half upon his demobilisation from the Navy in 1950 but found his true position at inside-right. In season 1953/54 he broke the Club's individual goal-scoring record since their promotion to the

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Second Division with 37 goals. Was again the Club's leading marksman last season. Represented the English League versus the Scottish League in October, 1955.

**A. BROWN** (*Inside-left or centre-forward*).—Secured from Blackpool for five-figure fee in February last. A Scottish international who made his debut for the Town at Leeds in last season, scoring the winning goal. Was very unlucky, missing two Cup Finals through injury while playing with Blackpool.

**G. CUMMINS** (*Inside-left*).—An Irishman from Dublin. Cummins first crossed to sign for Everton in 1950 and it was from the Merseyside club that Luton secured him for a big fee in 1953. A brilliant ball player.

He has already played for Eire on several occasions, including their matches with Luxembourg, Norway, Yugoslavia and Spain.

**J. GROVES** (*Wing-half or inside-forward*).—Son of Arthur Groves the old Derby County and Portsmouth inside forward. Won Derbyshire Schoolboy honours and signed by Luton when only 15. Plays either inside or wing forward.

**G. MCLEOD** (*Forward*).—Born in Inverness, Scotland, where he played for Clachnaccudin. Following a recommendation we sent our North Eastern scout to watch him and as a result he was signed for Luton in January, 1955.

### CHRISTMAS GIFT SEASON TICKETS, 1957/58

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